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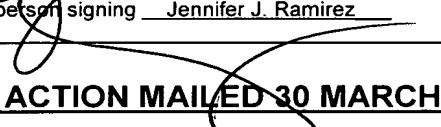
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**In the application of** : Michael F. Grant  
**Serial No.** : 09/502,699  
**Filed** : 11 February 2000  
**For** : Communication System Architecture and  
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed 30 March 2004, please reconsider this  
application in light of the following amendments to the claims and remarks.